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Is Roe Vs. Wade Being Overturned?

At the time of this printing, there are many reports that the 49 year old Supreme Court ruling stating



that women had a fundamental “right” to choose whether to kill the unborn will be overturned! In the last week(s), many news sources and political

leaders have broadcasted their disdain for the sanctity of human life in the womb. Protests have been taking place at SCOTUS justice's homes. The United States has seen over 63 MILLION abortions happen in our country since Roe Vs. Wade was passed. What a blight on our country! I would encourage you to pray that the SCOTUS rules against abortion and that God will protect those who stand for life! I would also recommend that you take note of those who don't stand for life. It's helpful to remember what the Bible says about children and life.

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I think it's important to see what the Bible says about this. Jeremiah 1:5 says, *Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.* John the Baptist recognized that Jesus had come when

they were both in their mothers' wombs. Above you see the ultrasound picture of our youngest child, Benjamin. We were in love with him from the time we knew he was coming. He was no less loved and valued in the first picture than he was in the second picture, or as he is in the third picture. Psalm



127:3, *"Lo, children are an heritage from the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward."*

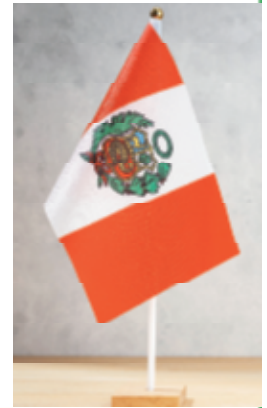
The President of the United States, a Catholic who attends mass often on Saturday evenings in either Wilmington, DE or Washington, DC, said about the reports on the Supreme Court, "The idea that we're going to make a judgment that is going to say that no one can make the judgment to choose to *abort a child* (emphasis mine), based on a decision by the Supreme Court, I think, goes way overboard". Regardless of his and many other's positions, PLEASE pray that it will be overturned for the sake of our precious unborn children! Pray for those who are so sadly deceived.-MTR

Tract Projects

1. Our **470,000** plus tracts we sent to be shipped to **Colombia** haven't arrived yet. Please continue to pray for their safe passage and clearing customs.



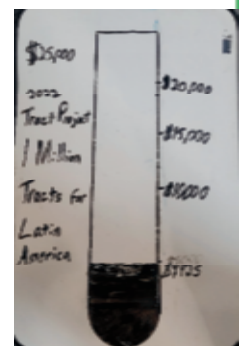
2. We have ordered **100,000** tracts to be shipped to Bro. Don Rich in Peru. He is to be receiving a shipping container of Bibles this year and asked for us to send tracts to him. We are going to send him cases with multiple titles inside so he can mail them to various missionaries and pastors in Peru. We are hoping to use his warehouse and distribution network as a means to reaching much of South America!

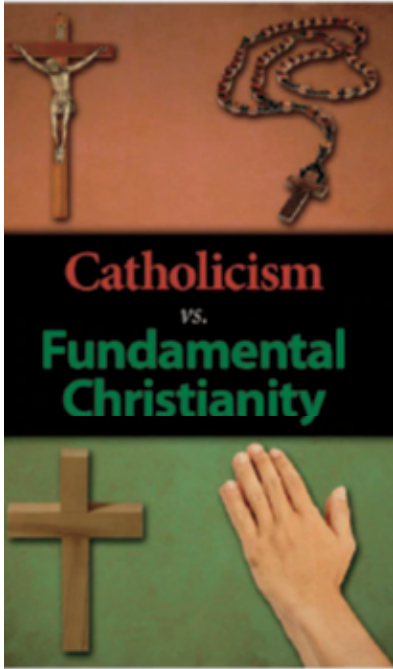


3. We are printing **400,000** tracts now to have prepared for shipment when the warehouse and distribution depot in Honduras is prepared. We are praying that this will be an avenue to distribute literature into all of Central America, especially Guatemala which had been our initial goal.



4. Currently, we are printing **100,000** tracts to go to the warehouse in Gray, TN for wherever the next shipment of Bibles and literature is headed into Latin America. It's my prayer to raise **\$25,000** to have **1,000,000** ready for future shipments. We have **\$4,925** of that in hand so we are going to print them as we have the funds come in. Pray with us for more funds to print tracts!





Catholicism Vs. Fundamental Christianity

So far in our series on Catholicism's doctrines that disagree with Scripture, we've looked at the following things:

1. Who is the Final Authority?
2. Is Salvation Through the Church?
3. Is Salvation Through Good Works?

Our tract, seen at the left, can be ordered from us or the material can be found on our website, www.theconversioncenter.com

The Church Forgives Sins

The quotes we will be using come from the Roman Catholic Church's catechism. 982 There is no offense, however serious, that the Church cannot forgive. "There is no one, however wicked and guilty, who may not confidently hope for forgiveness, provided his repentance is honest."⁵²⁷ Christ who died for all men desires that in his Church the gates of forgiveness should always be open to anyone who turns away from sin.⁵²⁸ 986 By Christ's will, the Church possesses the power to forgive the sins of the baptized and exercises it through bishops and priests normally in the sacrament of Penance. 1448 Beneath the changes in discipline and celebration that this sacrament has undergone over the centuries, the same fundamental structure is to be discerned. It comprises two equally essential elements: on the one hand, the acts of the man who undergoes conversion through the action of the Holy Spirit: namely, contrition, confession, and satisfaction; on the other, God's action through the intervention of the Church. **the Church, who through the bishop and his priests forgives sins in the name of Jesus Christ and determines the manner of satisfaction, also prays for the sinner and does penance with him.** (emphasis mine) Thus the sinner is healed and re-established in ecclesial communion.

BUT, what does the Bible say?

Mark 2:5-11 When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there was certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

Luke 7:47-50 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.

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"Catholicism Vs. Fundamental Christianity", Continued from page 4. And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also? And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

Ephesians 4:32, And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

COMMENTARY Who alone can and does forgive sin? It's God!

The One True Church

811 "This is the sole Church of Christ, which in the Creed we profess to be one, holy, catholic and apostolic."²⁵⁶ These four characteristics, inseparably linked with each other,²⁵⁷ indicate essential features of the Church and her mission. the Church does not possess them of herself; it is Christ who, through the Holy Spirit, makes his Church one, holy, catholic, and apostolic, and it is he who calls her to realize each of these qualities. *816 "The sole Church of Christ [is that] which our Savior, after his Resurrection, entrusted to Peter's pastoral care, commissioning him and the other apostles to extend and rule it.... This Church, constituted and organized as a society in the present world, subsists in (subsistit in) in) the Catholic Church, which is governed by the successor of Peter and by the bishops in communion with him."²⁶⁷* *816 The Second Vatican Council's Decree on Ecumenism explains: "For it is through Christ's Catholic Church alone, which is the universal help toward salvation, that the fullness of the means of salvation can be obtained,(emphasis mine) It was to the apostolic college alone, of which Peter is the head, that we believe that our Lord entrusted all the blessings of the New Covenant, in order to establish on earth the one Body of Christ into which all those should be fully incorporated who belong in any way to the People of God."²⁶⁸* *818 "However, one cannot charge with the sin of the separation those who at present are born into these communities [that resulted from such separation] and in them are brought up in the faith of Christ, and the Catholic Church accepts them with respect and affection as brothers All who have been justified by faith in Baptism are incorporated into Christ; they therefore have a right to be called Christians, and with good reason are accepted as brothers in the Lord by the children of the Catholic Church."²⁷²*

BUT, what does the Bible say?

Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

1 Corinthians 10:4...for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

Ephesians 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

Matthew 21:42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

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Mark 12:10 And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner:

Luke 20:17 And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner?

Acts 4:10-12 (Peter preaching) Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

1 Peter 2:5-7 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

COMMENTARY

Is Peter really the rock? Especially when Peter himself referred to Jesus as the rock, the cornerstone in Acts 4 and 1 Peter 2?

Is the Catholic church the only, one true church?



Treasures for Tracts

Several years ago, Rachel and I started a project called, "Treasures for Tracts". We would buy small treasure chests and provide them freely to any church, family or individual who would use them to save change (or bills) to help pay for tracts. The idea was that someone would request a

treasure chest, we'd send it to them, and they would collect the money over time to help The Conversion Center print tracts. All we asked is that every so often (maybe every 6 months or a year), the keeper of the chest would cash in the change or mail it to the Center. We wanted to do something to help print tracts in a way that would make sense to little children and adults alike. Since we started the project several years ago, we have seen over **\$5,000** come in this way, with no expense to The Conversion Center.

PLEASE, if you would be willing to collect change for tracts, contact us to receive your own treasure chest. We will mail one to you freely. If you have one and haven't been faithful to collect or mail in the change, please consider doing so now. God bless!-

Mark and Rachel



Dear Reader,

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our most recent edition of *The Gospel Catholic*. It truly is an exciting time and we are grateful to be in the ministry, striving to help others reach lost souls for Christ.

Travel In the last few months, I've had excellent trips to Florida and Texas. My travel schedule will greatly pick up in the summer.

I will be in Tennessee this month and hope to do a video with Bro. Layton Stout at the warehouse from where we ship our tracts. Please pray as we work together to streamline the process. Printers are struggling to keep paper in stock due to "supply chain issues" and we want to be proactive in the future to ensure we are prepared when opportunities open. Jesus told us to, **"...be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves."** Matthew 10:16b.

Pastor J. Paul Reno ("Dad") The Chairman of the Board, my Dad, had a significant fall recently, breaking 2 vertebrae and is recovering. Your prayers for his full recovery and ability to get back into the pulpit at our church would be greatly appreciated. The Lord spared him paralysis and possibly worse. We are so grateful for the prayers of His people on our behalf.

The Annual Rally Enclosed is a brochure advertising our Annual Rally on September 8th. Long ago, the Rally was an exciting time and we are working to get them started again. If you would like to have your church host a rally in the future, please let me know. Also, we will plan to stream the Rally live on the Center's Facebook page. If you haven't already, give it a "Like". I try to do short, weekly video updates there to let you know progress on projects and give news updates.

Our Country I would ask that you pray much for our leadership in our country. We are to be always praying for those in authority over us as we are told in 1 Timothy 2. Philippians 4:6 tells us **"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."** I know I'm guilty of being more prone to complain about how things are than to go to the One who can change them. We get tempted to think the answers to our problems and challenges are found in just about everywhere else than where we should be turning... or rather, to WHOM we should be turning. Let's pray for our respective countries that God would intervene for the souls of men.

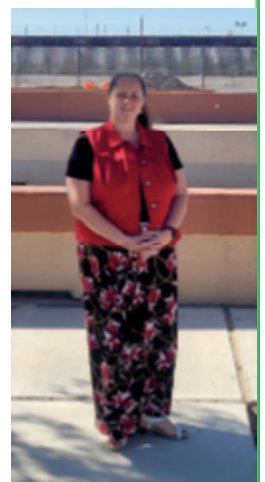
Personal By the time you read this, our children will likely be finished with school for the year and they are excited for the break. Rachel certainly is as well. She and I will be celebrating our 16th anniversary this month and what a blessed 16 years it has been. I am thankful for a helpmeet that doesn't complain or fret over the strains the ministry can have on a schedule, budget or marriage.

I would appreciate your prayers for us as we start our summer travel schedule; God has been so good to allow us to travel for Him. Thank you so much for your love and support of this ministry!

Yours for the Kingdom,

Mark T. Reno, Director

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The Gospel of Grace

God's Word, the Bible, Tells Us We Need To Be Saved

"For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." *Matthew 18:11*

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." *Romans 3:23*

"Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God." *John 3:3*

Religious Works Cannot Bring Salvation

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us." *Titus 3:5*

"...not of works, lest any man should boast." *Ephesians 2:9*

"... all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." *Isaiah 64:6*

"This is the work of God that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent." *John 6:29*

Jesus Christ – God Himself – Has Provided Everything For Our Salvation

"Who (Jesus) His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree..." *1 Peter 2:24*

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me." *John 14:6*

We Must Repent From Sin and Accept Christ To Be Saved

"... for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." *Matthew 9:13*

"... the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." *Matthew 1:15*

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." *John 3:16*

"...and him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out." *John 6:37*

We Are Saved By Grace Through Faith Alone

"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." *Romans 3:28* "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ...for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. *Galatians 2:16*.

"For by Grace are ye Saved through Faith"

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